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fluency in the adjustment of those perilsous questions arose from the entirely moderate and conservative character of his opinions upon that subject, and from the peculiarity of his position. He was a native and a representative of a slave State; he had never lived anywhere else, and while undeniably true, at all times and upon all points, to the rights of the Southern States, yet he considered slavery as a great though unavoidable evil. But he was in no degree impassioned and blinded in regard to it. He looked at the subject calmly and with-out exaggeration; not through the magnifying glass of religious fanaticism or distorted philanthropy, but with the calm eye of a practical statesman. He maintained the policy of gradual emancipation on both occasions that the subject was agitated in Kentucky, openly and vigorously; contending that the great numerical preponderance of the whites over the blacks in that State rendered their gradual emancipation and removal safe and easily attainable. At the same time he always declared that he considered all such schemes to be utterly impracticable in the planting States; and if a citizen of one of them, would oppose them all, because the numbers of the blacks would render their removal impossible, and their continual presence disadvantageous and perilous to the whites. He favored emancipation in Kentucky, while farther South he declared he considered it utterly impracticable. These views he urged and amplified at length, not only in the discussion of the question in his own State, but also in the United States Senate, while discussing the reception of petitions for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. This position might also be referred to, as another illustration of the practical and completely relative character of all his political ideas. Doubtless, as an abstract proposition, considered without reference to its inevitable existence or the perilous consequences of its cessation, he was opposed to slavery; for liberty was the passion of his life. His own country and his own countrymen were the first and the principal object in his thoughts and in his heart; but his broad and extended philanthropy embraced the world. Even the degraded African slave, separated from his own race by a wide and impassable gulf, found him a well-wisher to his moral and mental elevation, when it could occur safely in a different land and other clime. Wherever abroad, freedom found a votary; that votary found in him a champion. When Greece, the classic land of Greece—the fountain of refinement, the birth-place of eloquence and poetry, and liberty—when Greece awoke from the long slumber of ages, and beat back the fading Crescent to its native East—when Macedonia had called to mind the feats of her conquering boy, and the Spartan again struck in for the land which had bred him, in Henry Clay's voice the words of cheering rolled over the blue waters from the far west, as the greeting of the New World to the Old.

When Mexico, and our sister republic of the extreme South, shook off the rotten yoke of the fallen Spaniard, and freedom's face for one brief moment gleamed under the pale light of the Southern cross, it was he spoke again to cheer and rouse its champions. The regenerated Greek, the dusky Mexican, the Peruvian mountaineer—all, who would strike one blow for liberty, found in him a friend and an advocate. His words of cheering swept over the plains of Marathon, and came ringing back from the peaks of the Andes. But that voice is now still, and his bright eye closed forever. He has gone from our midst, and the walling of grief which rose from the nation, and the plume of mourning which shrouded its cities, its halls and its altars, attest his countryman's sense of their loss. He has gone, and gone in glory. From us rises the dirge; with him floats the psalm of triumph. By a beautiful decree and poetical justice of destiny, it was fated that the last effort of the Union's great champion should be made in behalf of the Union, in its last great extremity. He passed off the stage as became the Great Pacificator. His dying effort was worthy of and appropriate to him: When the fountains of the great deep of the public mind were broken up, and the fierce passions of sectional animosity tore over it, it was from his voice that the words of soothing came forth, "Peace, be still." It was his last battle, and the gallant veteran fought it out with the power and the fire of his prime. The expiring light of life, though flickering in its last beams, blazed up to the fullness of its meridian lustre. There was no fading away of intellect, or gradual decay of body. Minds like his, and souls so fiery, are caressed in frames of steel, and when they fall at last, they fall at once. The Union was not compelled to blush for the decay of the Union's great champion. Age had not crumbled the stately dignity of his form, nor reduced his mainly intellect to the imbecility of a second childhood. He faded away into no feeble twilight; he sank down to no dim sunset—but sprang out of life in the blaze of meridian fullness. He passed down into the valley of the shadow of death with all his glory unclouded, with all his laurels fresh and green around him. Not a spot obscured the lustre of his crest; not a sprig has been torn from his chaplet. The dead Douglas has won the field. His dying ear rung with the applause of his country, and the hosannas of a nation's gratitude. Death has given to him the empire in the hearts of his countrymen, not fully granted to the living man,—and although it was decreed that the first honors of the nation should await him, his last blessings will cluster around his name. His memory needs no monument. He wants no mausoleum of stone or marble to imprison his sacred dust. Let him rest amid the tokens of the freedom he so much loved. Let him sleep on, where the whistling of the taunting winds—the ceaseless roll of the marring waters—the chirping of the wild bird—and all which speaks of Liberty, may chant his eternal lullaby. Peace be with thy soul, Henry Clay; may the earth lie light upon you, and the undying laurel of glory grow green over thy grave.

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